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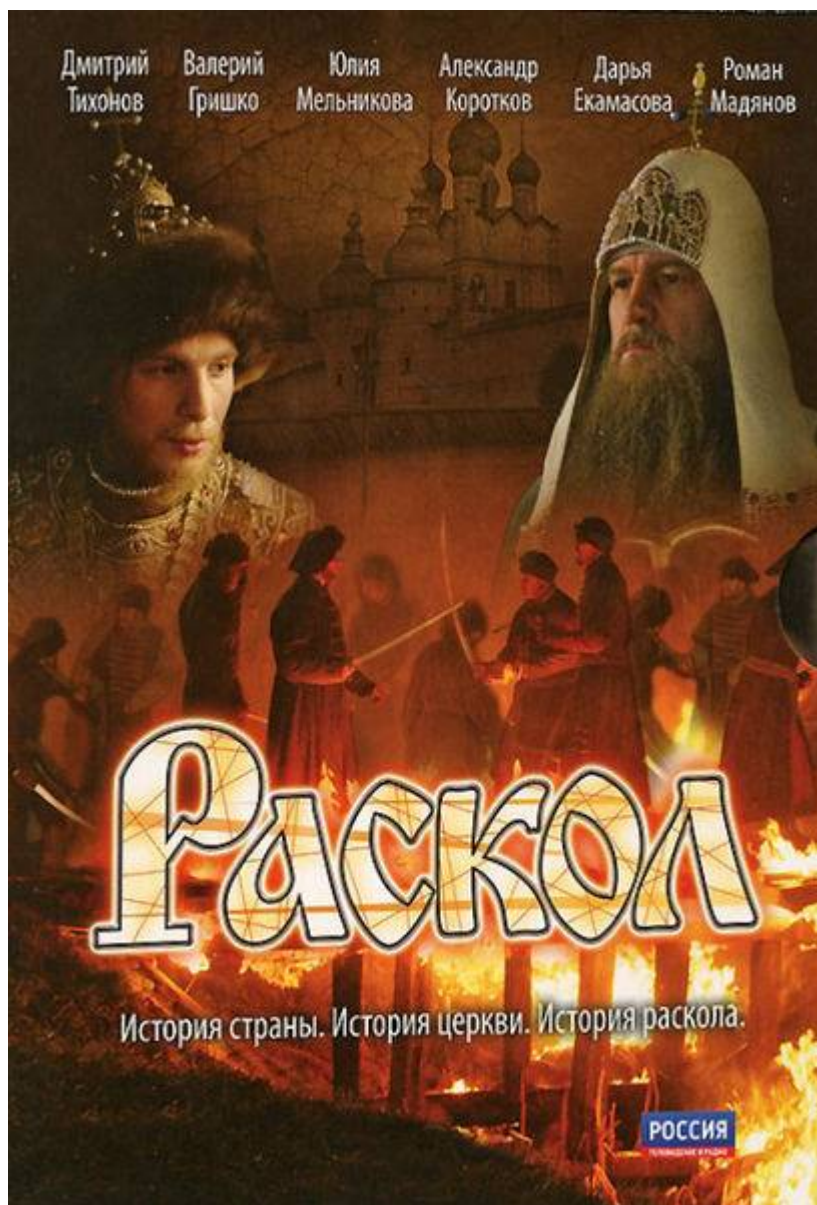
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In the first episode, much of the filming takes place in the Yaroslavl region, a little north of Moscow. In [Rostov the Great](#), there are some fine shots of the Rostov Kremlin and bell tower. And just south of Rostov, there are beautiful shots of the impressive 17th century wooden church of St. John the Theologian.



For any projects produced for Russian TV, this series had one of the highest budgets ever. This made it possible for the producers to give a lot of attention to historical authenticity, and also to create film sets in numerous towns across Russia. The results are stunning!

This series was broadcast on Russian television in 2012, in twenty episodes. ([Russian Wikipedia](#)). Only recently has the first episode been made available with English subtitles.

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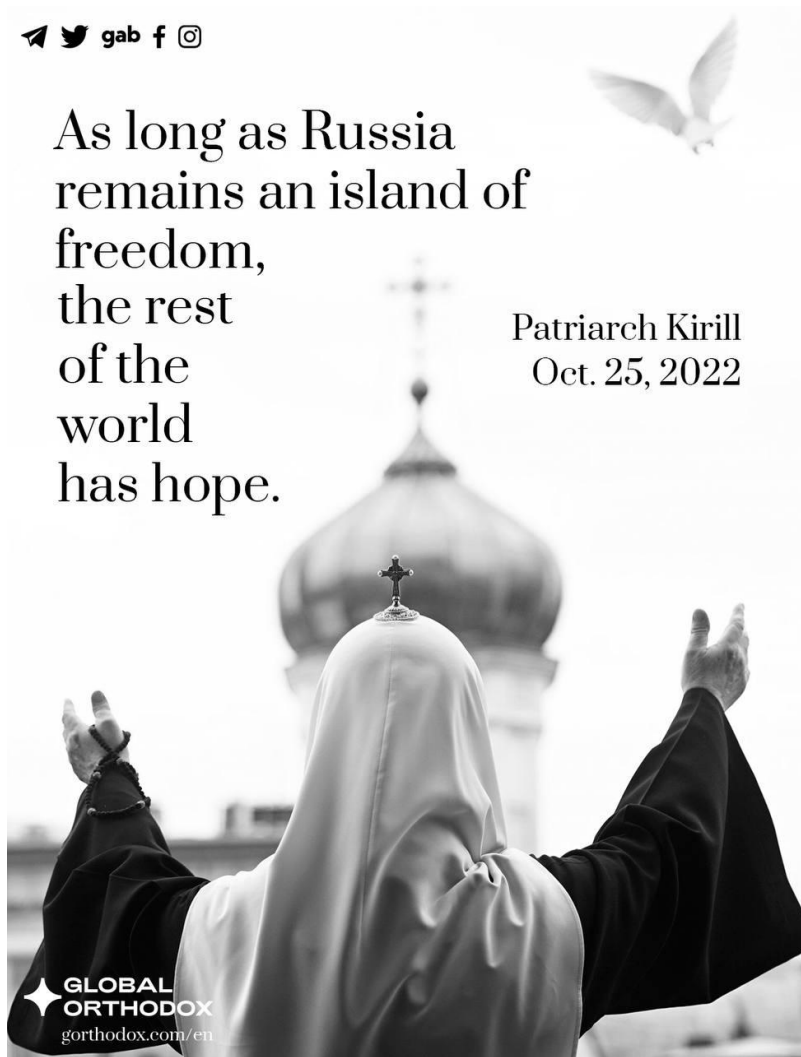
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Oct. 25, 2022



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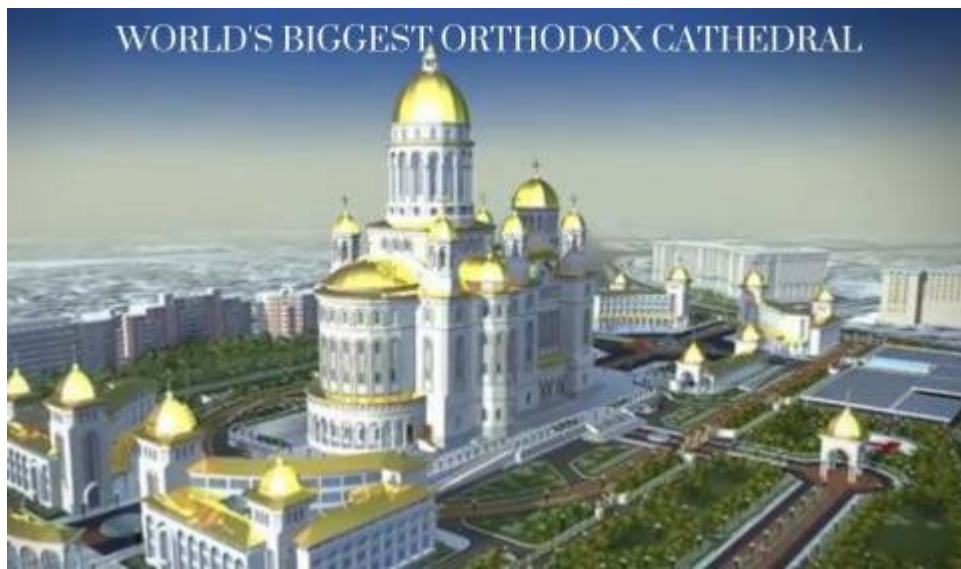
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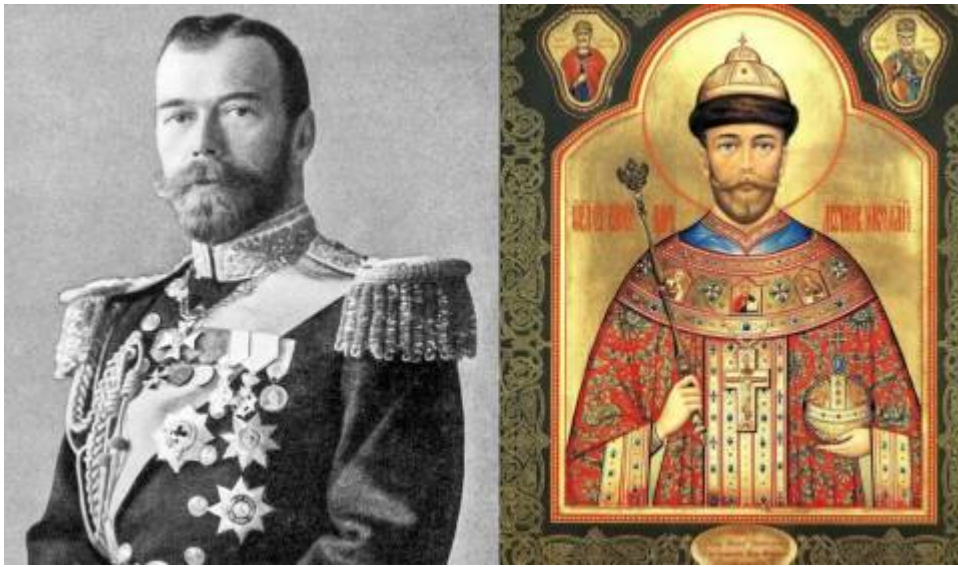
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